

[Sri R. Venkataraman]

[1st March 1963]

15. The major part of our Third-Five Year Plan is closely connected with the defence effort of the country. In particular, the Plan as now re-oriented in the light of the National Emergency, lays stress on schemes contributing to agricultural and industrial production. It is only by fulfilling our Plan without any serious shortfall that we can build up the defence potential of the country. To meet the demands of defence and development alike, we will have to accept a measure of restraint on current consumption and mobilise all our resources. The national emergency has no doubt brought problems in its wake, but it has also brought about a sense of cohesion, unity and determination among our people. If we can direct the newly aroused enthusiasm of our people on constructive lines, it should not be difficult to find the resources both for defence and developmental programmes. Writing during the last World War on the task facing Britain in economic mobilisation, Lord Keynes, the great economist, observed—

“ A reluctance to face the full magnitude of our task overcome it is a coward's part. Yet the nation is not in this mood and only asks to be told what is necessary.”

These sentiments are as much true of India to-day as they were of Britain during the early dark days of the Second World War.

With these words, Sir, I commend the Budget Estimates of 1963-64 for the acceptance of this House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

III.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 117. Notification issued with G.O. Ps. No. 4482, Revenue, dated 4th December 1962 regarding amendments to the Madras General Sales Tax Rules, 1959.

* 118. Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 4778, Revenue, dated 29th December 1962, appointing the 31st day of January 1963 as the date on which the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948 (Madras Act XXVI of 1948), other than sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 58-A, 62, 67 and 68, which have already come into force, shall come into force in the under-tenure estate of Virapandiapulikkulam in Koilpatti taluk of Tirunelveli district.

* Laid on the table of the House on 28th February 1963.